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LOCAL NEWS.

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Work on the new state highway has been suspended for the winter.

Valley Bros. in their Christmas trade sold over a ton of turkeys and poultry.

Hardy & Cole will build Charles Tyler's new house on Washington Avenue.

The fall term at Phillips Academy closed Tuesday. Recitations begin January 6, 1897.

A collection amounting to \$39. was taken at the South Church Sunday School on behalf of the Armenian sufferers.

Miss Marcia S. Richards and Miss Adelle L. Wardwell, teachers at Greenville, N. H. are spending their Christmas vacation in town.

The public schools open Jan. 4th and not 11th as the types made it last week. Also Abbot Academy on the 7th instead of the 17th.

Miss Roberts gave a very interesting talk on the Holy Land to the members of the Working Girls' Club in the Guild House, Monday evening.

The eighteen months old daughter of E. H. Roper of the Seminary, was severely scalded last Friday by pulling over a dish of hot oatmeal and spilling the contents all over her head and arms.

The sympathy of many friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. James J. Abbott on account of the serious illness of two of their sons and a broken wrist recently sustained by one of their daughters.

Several members of the Andover Grange attended the dance of the North Andover Grange last Friday evening. The Andover Orchestra furnished the music.

A splendid sleight of hand performance was given by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd before the Andover Club last Friday evening. Many of the tricks were very cleverly performed.

Paul Eastman (scratches) won the handicap shoot of the Gun Club, last Saturday. He scored 22 out of a possible 25 birds. The prize was six pounds of smokeless powder.

Professor Churchill preached the sermon at the ordination and installation of Henry G. Megathlin, at the Broadway Congregational Church, Fall River, Friday, Dec. 18. Mr. Megathlin graduated from the Seminary last June.

At a meeting of the foot-ball squad at Phillips Academy held Monday, George Perley Elliott was elected captain of the foot-ball team for 1897. Elliott played on the eleven two years ago and also this fall and has shown himself to be a capable player.

Douglass and Lewis Lindsay, sons of J. W. Lindsay on Walnut Avenue met with a serious accident last Saturday afternoon while sliding down Harding Street hill. Lewis was injured but little but Douglass received a bad gash in his thigh that has been very painful.

All persons desiring to attend the evening school are requested to meet at the Andover Guild House promptly at 7.30 o'clock next Tuesday evening, or, if unable to be present, to send their names with list of studies desired to Rev. Frederic Palmer, Rev. F. A. Wilson or Mrs. S. J. Bucklin, that if a sufficient number of names are secured, the classes may begin as soon as possible.

Miss Margaret Hall, daughter of Mrs. Hall on Bartlett Street, has been elected president of the class of 1900 at Wellesley. Miss Hall was presented with hundreds of roses, carnations and hyacinths, from the upper classes, and was then escorted about the building in triumph by her classmates, with ringing cheers and class and college yells. Miss Hall graduated from the Panchard high school last June.

At the meeting of the local Grange Tuesday evening, the question "Resolved that the farmers have kept pace with the rest of the world," was ably debated and resulted in a victory for the affirmative. Among the speakers for the affirmative were Milo H. Gould, James Putnam, and Thomas E. Rhodes; and for the negative Henry Hayward, Frank Bailey and John A. Morrill. In place of Frank Bailey resigned, Milo H. Gould was elected Master.

The closing exhibition given by the children of the Stowe School last Friday morning was very interesting and was attended by many of the parents of the scholars. The exercises took place in the Hall and the children from Miss Comstock's room performed a hoop drill and "brownies" placed articles on the Christmas tree, with cute sayings. Songs were sung by the eighth and ninth grades and also the fifth grade. A dialogue entitled "The Ruggies Family" was given by the sixth and eighth grades. The whole exhibition was a complete success.



Concert at Free Church, Wednesday evening.

Andover Social Club dance next Thursday evening in the Town Hall.

Sam D. Stevens and family will occupy the old Abbott residence on Central Street for the winter.

The Post Office will be open to-day from 8.30 till 9.30 in the morning and from 6 till 6 in the afternoon.

Work on Daniel Harrington's house in Flint Court has been suspended through alleged breach of contract by Builder Noyes of Haverhill.

The Phebe Foxcroft Phillips Chapter of Andover, Daughters of the Revolution, have presented a flag and pole to the Panchard Free School.

There are three cases of scarlet fever in Frye Village, confined to two families. Every precaution is being taken to prevent any further spreading.

The mills, rubber factory and the Andover Press shut down last night for the rest of the week. Next week part of the rubber factory will be closed on account of stock-taking.

The secretary of the Andover Cricket Club has already arranged fourteen games for next season. Nearly all the old clubs are on the list, the Zingari alone being dropped.

The children in the kindergarten department of the Abbott Village School, at the closing exercises last Friday, were kindly remembered by their teachers with gifts of candy, the teachers playing the part of Santa Claus.

Agnes McPhail, for forty-one years in the domestic service of Mrs. Margaret Woods Lawrence of Marblehead, was buried in the Chapel Cemetery on Wednesday of this week. The burial service was conducted by Prof. Churchill.

At the meeting of the Daughters of Vermont at the Vendome in Boston last Thursday, papers were read by Mrs. E. P. Hitchcock and Miss Slason of town. The papers contained many interesting bits of Vermont history and were very entertaining.

The postponed concert at the Free Church will be given in the vestry next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The program, which is one of high merit, will be given by vocalists of excellent standing. Ticket is 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children under 14 years of age.

The Burns Club held a very interesting meeting in the Village Hall, Saturday evening. Through a misunderstanding, Mr. Mattoon was not secured for his travel talk, but a program consisting of violin solos, songs and readings was furnished. It was decided to celebrate the poet's anniversary in the Town Hall Friday evening January 22, 1897.

Andover Lodge I. O. O. F. elect officers at their meeting next Monday night.

William Goff, engineer at the electric light station has been ill at his home on High Street.

Tom Luman, who graduated from the U. S. S. Enterprise a short time ago, is in New York.

Redemption of keys for lock boxes closes at the Post Office next Thursday, Dec. 31. Bring in your keys at once with your deposit receipt.

The attraction at the Opera House to-day is the Gormans in "The Gilhoolies Abroad." There is a matinee at two o'clock this afternoon.

After a lapse of several years the evening service at the Free Church will be held hereafter in the church. Orchestral music will shortly be introduced in the evening service.

Ellen H., wife of Daniel J. Mahoney, died at her home on Morton Street, Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at St. Augustine's Church, Rev. T. A. Field officiating. The body was taken to Arlington for interment.

Among the Andover students home for the Christmas vacation are Peter Smith and Harry Hicks from Cornell; J. Duke Smith from Yale; Arthur Drinkwater, A. W. Ryder, J. Austin Richards, E. C. Carter, Frederic Palmer, Robert McCurdy Marlborough Churchill and William Luman from Harvard; and John Belknap from Exeter.

A pleasant birthday party was tendered William Coutts at his home on Cuba Street last Saturday evening. His young friends to the number of nearly 80 met and left remembrances of his having attained his majority. Mr. Coutts was also the recipient of a gold watch and chain. Games and songs made the evening enjoyable to all.

The art department of the November Club had an evening with the old masters last Monday in the Club House. Some of the choicest of Rembrandt, Raphael and Rembrandt were presented in the form of living pictures by members of the club. The program included the following: "St. Cecilia" by Raphael, "Mater Dolorosa" by Titian, "Portrait" by Rembrandt, "Portrait" by Gerhard Dow, "Rubens and wife" by Rubens, "St. Agnes" by Andrea del Sarto, "Diana" by Correggio, "Angel choir" by Fra Angelico. Miss McKenn acted as leader and the whole affair was a distinct success.

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THE PHILANDERING, THE FEASTING AND THE WEDDING.

The Padre and His Pretty Sister—The Senorita. Across the Way—A Christmas Dinner and the Consequences of the Presence of the Small Boy.

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THE hut was a little one, with a mud floor and a roof of "yagua," or palm spathe, and the hens, the cats, the dogs and the pigs rambled around and through it at their own sweet will. But it was the best shelter the priest could offer me, his own house being full, and I was certain that if it had been a palace, with marble walls and ceilings of gold, I should have been just as welcome, for I had come to the hill of Santo Cerro with a letter of introduction from the president of the district and had the sanction of authority behind me. This, however, was not necessary, for the padre himself was of the hospitable sort and would have given me all he had merely because I was a stranger and an American. He lived in the hut adjoining, with an aged mother and remarkably pretty sister as housekeepers, the only white people in the little hamlet, all the rest being more or less marked by a "dab of the tar brush." His education had been obtained in Spain in a Spanish university, and he was well informed and intelligent. He was about 25 years old, and his beautiful sister had not monopolized all the good looks of the family. It was owing to this "fatal gift of beauty," I was told, that he was to be found in this secluded spot, having been banished here for two years as penance for allowing susceptible young ladies to fall in love with him. It wasn't his fault, I'm sure, for he was a model of propriety and piety. He rose at dawn and ministered at early mass; he visited faithfully the sick and the dying; he won the love of all, old and young. If perchance some foolish young woman chose to bestow upon him her untold affections, lacking opportunity for reciprocal love among the laity, whose business was it? At least, this is the way the searician expressed it, and it would not become me to dissent.

I was assigned a seat at the padre's table right opposite his pretty sister and feasted upon the best fruits of Santo Cerro's gardens. During my leisure I monopolized the company of the fair senorita as much as possible. I could speak Spanish but haltingly, while she understood not a word of my own tongue. This gave us a good excuse for companionship, and it was availed of to the utmost, so that as the days passed we acquired much information of each other's language and customs. The glorious hill country of Cuba never looks so beautiful to the eyes of the stranger visiting it as in the winter season when he knows that his own land is covered with snow and ice. Its beauty is enhanced by the contrast. This of itself was an excuse to linger, and thus it was that Christmas found me still a guest of the padre's household. Near the hill on which the hamlet was perched was an ancient ruin, where 400 years ago the Spaniards had built a fort and surrounded it with a town. Long ago, more than 300 years, fort and village had been destroyed by earthquakes; but their remains offered a fair field for investigation. This was my preface for lingering, and in support of it I kept a force of laborers excavating the ruins. Now and then they brought me gold and silver images, bits of pottery that had once adorned old time kitchens and antique coins. But I knew well enough that most of their time was spent in their grass hammocks swung under the silk cottons and that precious little digging they did unless their spades announced my coming down from the hill. Then there was great activity, and the old forest surrounded ruins became the scene of lively labors. But as they exacted a daily wage each of only 40 cents and were quite content so long as I did not hurry them, I cannot say that we were not mutually satisfied.

Christmas morning opened clear and cool. The air was sweet, laden with heavy odors of frangipani and magnolia, and the clasp in the trees were tuning their winged instruments premonitory to a feast song as midday. I walked to the chapel on the brow of the hill and was reveling in the magnificent scene spread out below when the priest came out and warmly greeted me. There would be a special service at noon he informed me, but in the afternoon we would take a little "paseo." One of his parishioners, the owner of a rancho, had invited him and his household—including, of course, his guest—to come over and join him in an old-fashioned san-cocho. "And you must go, my friend, for there you will obtain a glimpse of some queer Cuban customs."

I thanked him for the invitation and then asked: "But what is a san-cocho?" "I have never seen the word in the dictionary," he answered, with a twinkle in his eye. "The word isn't in the dictionary, but—well, no matter. I will not explain. You shall go with us and see for yourself. Do not linger too long at the ruins today. In fact, I am of opinion that your labors will not even do their daily task, since this is Christmas day, you know."

"You are right," I rejoined. "Of course they will not work today. Then, with your permission, I will return to the house and assist the ladies at their preparations." "Go, my son," he said, with a wave of his white hands, as in benediction, "and may God guard thee. I have my duties in the chapel, after performing which I will join you."

Early in the afternoon two solemn visaged donkeys were brought to the door of the padre's hut, having on their backs enormous saddles of straw, which overhung them as the eaves of a thatched cottage overhang the walls. Upon these seats and sanctimonious animals were soon mounted Senorita Laurita, the sister of the priest, and Senorita Valdemira, the young lady from across the way. As they left the door two fiery steeds were brought up, upon whose backs the priest and myself vaulted airily and then darted after the donkeys. These we soon overtook, and, by a very natural arrangement, dropped alongside the ladies. Valdemira was dark of skin, but a perfect odalisque for beauty, with raven tresses and flashing black orbs, like liquid fire, except that they were per-

petually running into drowsy languorous ones—in their depths such passions slumbering! Ah! if the good bishop who had banished the padre to this desert spot could have known of Valdemira—well, they just wouldn't have done it, I am thinking! I don't know what the padre thought about it, for he never told me, but it seemed to me that Valdemira had him securely enmeshed in those long, silken tresses; had seared his soul, the bishop might have said, with those fiery glances. To be sure, as I said before, it was no business of mine. Besides there was the fair Laurita. Her brother's absorption in his charmer only gave me an excellent opportunity for becoming better acquainted with her own lovely character. She was most certainly a girl of wit and beauty, fair and sweet beyond any dream of distant callipate, and, since I was the only available man in the party, was that afternoon particularly gracious and approachable.

We arrived at the rancho in high spirits, and while the ladies were taken by the proprietor's wife to an inner room of the house, where they might rearrange their blue black tresses and dab a fresh coat of powder on their cheeks, the padre and I wandered about the premises. The house consisted of the ordinary "bohio," or native hut of split palm logs, covered with bark. There were three rooms, all on the ground floor, which was of clay. The three rooms were open at the top, clear to the roof, low partitions separating them, the central one being used for living and reception room and the side ones for sleeping apartments.

Soon we were invited in to partake of the san-cocho, which, as it was already on the table, I found to be a sort of olla podrida, something similar to the West Indian pepper pot, which is composed of everything beneath the heavens and on top of the earth, all thrown into one earthen receptacle and stewed or seethed together. This is called a "san-cocho" and is a favorite dish in the country districts—a kind of hodgepodge of a stew, with bits of pork and chicken particularly prominent.

Around the steaming vessel of san-cocho, then, 13 hungry people were seated at the graining board, which was covered with a tablecloth heavily embroidered. The padre invoked divine blessing. Our host, his wife and daughter helped us lavishly, and, moreover, every guest helped himself and with his fingers. It was, I soon perceived, considered the height of hospitality to pick out a choice morsel with your fingers and land it with a flourish in your neighbor's plate. I found, as I explored the contents of the vast earthen pot, a wishbone, which I had the pleasure of dividing with Laurita. I secured the longer half, at which there were much exclaiming and demanding of what I had wished for. At first I must not satisfy their curiosity, but when Laurita herself insisted that I should I proclaimed that my wish had something to do with her. Then there was renewed excitement and a general demand that the wish should be gratified and that I should tell them at once what it was. Laurita must have divined it, for she was silent and cast down her eyes, only darting at me one provoking glance. At last, in response to the universal request, I declared that if the senorita would promise to grant my wish I would not insist upon it then, at which there was another outburst of remonstrance.

The san-cocho was finally finished, but that was not all of the feast, for after the table was cleared our sturdy host excused himself for a moment, while all present looked expectantly in the direction of the "bohio." And there was a grand outburst of applause when our host reappeared, bearing proudly aloft that same little porker, former occupant of the oven, looking so cheerful and grinning so complacently that we fully expected him to equal with satisfaction. And, as for his complexion, it was so brown and crisp that everybody there was wishing to taste it at once. He almost fell to pieces when they pointed their fingers at him, and several fingers were pointed at him in less time than it takes to mention it, and he was soon shredded into delicious flakes and my plate again loaded with friendly offerings.

Our host brought out a cask of homemade wine, and we pledged each other in the juice of the Cuban grape.

The Essex Antiquarian.

The January number of this new magazine has just been issued and will be received with great satisfaction by all interested in Essex County. The leading article is a sketch of the commercial history of old Salem, illustrated with a fine halftone of the Mindoro, the last of the old merchantmen.

Sons and Daughters of the Revolution will find the first installment of the full military record of their Essex County ancestors; while the Abbe genealogy and the first will in the county, that of Sarah Dillingham, will be peculiarly valuable to genealogists.

The fearful results of the throat distemper which prevailed throughout the county during the years 1736-7, and were particularly fatal among the children of Haverhill, are given in an account curiously written by Haverhill minister, Rev. John Brown, who lost three children.

The magazine is printed on heavy laid paper and attractively gotten up. It is published monthly, at only a dollar a year, by the Essex Antiquarian, at Salem, Mass.

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HISTORICAL ANDOVER.

No. 49.

AN OLD CHAISE.

Timothy Abbott, the son of our pioneer George, born Nov. 17, 1663, carried captive to Canada by Indians in the war raid of 1676, is one of the most interesting of the Abbotts in the line. We all know the story of his return and the pictures so skillfully set before us last May represented many a similar story that had a less happy ending. I have often wondered if the short stature and early death of some of the few descendants who came up in the old garrison house, and its successor across the way, was not the final result of this year of suffering; but when I recall that sturdy line of Caleb in the sixth generation, and the earlier men who were tall enough to suit Washington, and later on, our own volunteer, army men of this line, I can see how the old South slopes brought out a new vigor of growth, which transplanted into larger places, has won honor for old Andover.

Timothy chose Hanna the daughter of Mark and Amy Graves, and as his brother George took her sister Dorcas, I feel quite sure that Mark Graves's estate lay somewhere near the present site of Henry Hayward's house. In locating the beginnings of the present Hidden estate under the management of Philemon Chandler, who bought it I feel sure after a residence on one nearer the Hayward lots, I find that his son Philemon married Ketura, daughter of Dr. Israel Howe, who bought a house some where among these Chandlers and Abbotts with Abram Graves's land for a boundary. The fashion of living on the top of Carmel Hill, and pasturing the cows over on the Wilmington line, makes it very hard for the "unlucky" sketch writer to place the dwellings of people who left behind only a cellar may be for a monument. However, the heirs of Philemon and Ketura, and all the Howes who went together to Connecticut, show us that the first Hayward in 1802, secured the title to an old estate on which Howes, and the widow of Wm. Ballard were living together in 1726, and I hope to secure the present site if not the old oak posts as the garrison house of Mark and Amy Graves, of the date 1719. They were of a Lynn line; Samuel, a wealthy farmer, giving the colony 300£ in the beginning, and a grandson Samuel to go to the Narragansett war with Joseph Abbott in 1675. A singular coincidence, perhaps, is the descent of Abigail Graves, the wife of the Hayward, whose heirs now hold the place, from the same Samuel of Lynn and his hero grandson, coming back to the home of our pioneers around through Danvers and North Reading. We find no trace of these names of the Lynn stock in this Abbott line till the present day and only in Amy of the Danvers daughter of the Abbott house, who has been back on the old hills hoping for strength to the failing footsteps that soon will go no more out among us.

I am going to leave young Timothy with his plans for building up a large estate, which seemed to meet the approval of Uncle William's boys, his cousins, for when they go away he bought all their fair lands, included between Salem Street around the reservoir road, and on the north along the street to the flat rock at the cross road, and around and below Sunset Rock, and in patches to Lowell Junction. It has cost years of sacrifice and toil to hold these acres and pay the dowry each daughter took as she came of age, only one dying a maiden in the old house.

I want to tell a pretty-story of the last Timothy of the line, as it was given me from one of the family who was rather surprised when I exclaimed "So the old chaise was the seed of the Christian Endeavor plant. Your Timothy did well and I must have it for the honor of old Andover."

Skipping the men and women who went out into the world first, from Tim, Tim, Asa, Tim, Asa and his brother Daniel came to be the two sons on the old homestead, born just as the Revolution was started. Daniel graduated at Harvard in 1797, and took his law office in Nashua, N. H., with a Salem Pickman for a wife. They loved the old home, and about the time that our last Tim, born in 1805, decided to change his name, be-

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PRICES IN BOSTON.

All Traces of Recent Flurry Have Disappeared.

Very Little Change in Provisions Quotations.
Tone of the Market Still a Little—Cold Storage Butter Stock Decreasing.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The butter market generally is in a much better condition than last week. A stronger tendency has set in at the west and in New York, and all traces of the recent flurry have disappeared. As our market did not follow the rise and fall in other places, there is no material change to note in prices here, but all are on a steadier basis and more confidence in the situation has been developed.

The indications are that a fairly steady course will be pursued until after the close of the year. Christmas poultry is attracting most attention, and dairy products are for the time neglected. Receipts of butter are quite moderate, and there is no desire to force business on either held or fresh stock until the trade is ready to buy.

The stock in cold storage is being rapidly decreased, and if the present rate of reduction is kept up for a few weeks more the excess over last year will soon disappear. The situation, however, still requires careful handling. Prices must be kept on the present reasonable basis, so as not to check consumption, and the export movement should be encouraged as much as possible.

Aside from the steady tone, there is very little change in selling prices from last week. Trade was light on Monday and Tuesday, owing to the Christmas poultry trade, and but few large sales were made to test the market. The slight advances in the west and New York made holders more confident of the future.

For a few fancy lots of northern fresh creamery in small packages 22½ to 23 cents was obtained, but it is an extreme quotation and rules only for a small portion of the receipts. Larger packages sold for 22 cents, and that was about the top of the market for regular trade lots. A good deal of the fresh receipts show a decided wintry flavor.

Western extra creamery ruled mostly at 21 to 22 cents, inside for large ash tubs and outside for assorted sizes. As usual, a few fancy makes run up even with northern, but as a rule 22 cents was the top. Grades next to extra ranged from 19 to 20 cents, and sold very slowly. Buyers either want the finest fresh or fall back upon the choice June stock.

The best held in cold storage finds favor with buyers at 17 to 18 cents, outside for northern. Some of the latter is held at 18½ to 19 cents. One or two lots of western have been sold the past few days to exporters at 16 to 17 cents. Most of the purchases for export last week were low grades at 9 to 13 cents, outside for fresh ladies.

Cheese holds a firm position, but the demand continues light. Buyers are indifferent, and take only small lots to meet present requirements. Best fall make commands 10½ to 11 cents, and fair to good 9 to 10 cents.

There is a confident feeling that the market will gain strength after the first of January. The stocks here are light and advices from Canada and Liverpool report smaller supplies than at this time last year.

As was indicated last week the egg market has taken a stronger turn, and western have been taken more freely at 21 to 22 cents, and several late consignments are held under orders to the latter price. Fresh eastern sold at 22 to 23 cents, and fancy new laid at 22 to 23 cents. Refrigerator stock 15 to 16½ cents. The cold storage stock was reduced 3000 cases, and stands at 12,000 cases, against 16,453 cases last year.

Beans are unchanged, and marrow pea and mediums are still offered at \$1 a bushel in large lots to arrive.

Potatoes are in liberal supply and selling at the depots at 40 to 45 cents a bushel.

Apples are quiet at previous low prices.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

Oats—Oats are better sustained and about ½¢ firmer, though quotations are not changed. Old, 40 to 42 lb. to arrive, 25c; 35 to 40 lb. 28½c; new, 35 to 38 lb. 28c; 35 to 37 lb. 26c; 34 to 36 lb. 25½c; No. 2 white, 25c; No. 3 white, 24c; No. 2 mixed, 24c; No. 3 mixed, 23c; No. 3 white, 23c; No. 3 mixed, 22c; No. 3 white, 22c; No. 3 mixed, 21c; No. 3 white, 21c; No. 3 mixed, 20c; No. 3 white, 20c; No. 3 mixed, 19c; No. 3 white, 19c; No. 3 mixed, 18c; No. 3 white, 18c; No. 3 mixed, 17c; No. 3 white, 17c; No. 3 mixed, 16c; No. 3 white, 16c; No. 3 mixed, 15c; No. 3 white, 15c; No. 3 mixed, 14c; No. 3 white, 14c; No. 3 mixed, 13c; No. 3 white, 13c; No. 3 mixed, 12c; No. 3 white, 12c; No. 3 mixed, 11c; No. 3 white, 11c; No. 3 mixed, 10c; No. 3 white, 10c; No. 3 mixed, 9c; No. 3 white, 9c; No. 3 mixed, 8c; No. 3 white, 8c; No. 3 mixed, 7c; No. 3 white, 7c; No. 3 mixed, 6c; No. 3 white, 6c; No. 3 mixed, 5c; No. 3 white, 5c; No. 3 mixed, 4c; No. 3 white, 4c; No. 3 mixed, 3c; No. 3 white, 3c; No. 3 mixed, 2c; No. 3 white, 2c; No. 3 mixed, 1c; No. 3 white, 1c; No. 3 mixed, 0c; No. 3 white, 0c; 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Sterling Silver Andover Spoons, 50c. Picture Frames, 9c.

BOARD.

At 54 Main Street, large sunny front room, newly furnished, with first class table. Also would like a few table boarders. Terms reasonable.

FOR SALE.

A Chickering Grand Piano in good condition. An excellent instrument for a church vestry, club or Guild house. S. M. DOWNS.

HANDKERCHIEF LOST.

Dropped between the residence of Prof. Forbes and the South Church, a white silk handkerchief containing a piece of emerald. Finder please leave at TOWNSMAN OFFICE.

KEYS LOST.

A small bunch of keys on the sidewalk on Central St. between Essex and School Sts. Finder please return to TOWNSMAN Office.

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By an experienced cook, who can be seen at 45 Abbot St., or addressed Box 134, Andover, Mass.

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Santa Claus to call at our store and buy some of our Christmas goods. They are useful and we will save him lots of money. We will have extra reindeer to deliver goods on time. F. P. BERRY & CO., Dealers in New and Second-hand Furniture.

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Girls or boys who would like to earn a solid silver watch or pair of skates. Address Fremier Bros., Cohoes, N. Y.

Great Reduction in Footwear.

Please give us a call and see.

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All styles, button and lace, price \$2, now \$1.80, and all other goods as low in proportion, at

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Miss Gertrude Meacham of Boston will be in Andover, Wednesdays, and will be pleased to receive pupils in Piano playing, and the use of the Virgil Practice Clavier. Address at the

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Andover National Bank.

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Andover National Bank will be held at their banking rooms, on Tuesday the 12th day of January, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M. for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before them.

J. TYLER KIMBALL, Cashier.

Andover, Dec. 11, 1896.

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All the latest styles in Stiff and Soft Hats for Fall wear. Full line of Golf Caps.

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Main Street, Andover.**HATS****HATS****HATS****Winter Term**BEGINNING
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For Sale. A farm of about 20 acres. Good house and outbuildings, near the Main St. Will be sold cheap.
For Sale. A small house, barn and workshop, together with 2 acres of first-class land. Price \$1000.
For Sale near the electric cars in Frye Village, a brick house with about 6 acres of land.**Land.**TO LEASE OR SELL. A modern house of 12 rooms on Abbot Street, fitted up with all latest improvements, including electric light.
Good building lots, fine location, prices reasonable.

For Sale. A piano (square) in good condition. Less than \$100 will purchase it. Apply at once.

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Mugrovo Block, Andover.

Tortoise Shell Hair Ornaments

We have just received the finest line of the above goods ever shown this side of Boston, consisting of

**Hair Pins,
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Side Combs, etc.**

Which must be seen to be appreciated.

THOS. G. RHODES,Ladies' Hairdresser.
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For use and adornment. Hair Pins, Combs, Scissors, Link Buttons, Forks, Thimbles, Rings, Knives, the list is almost innumerable. We will take pleasure in showing you the assortment and if you are a lover of the beautiful you will take pleasure in seeing it.

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The True Advent.I longed wait as one of old,
The great Messiah's promised birth,
I dream as Hebrew prophets told,
Of Him who should redeem the earth.But not in outward form or place,
Not in some spot of ancient fame,
Do I expect to greet his face,
Or kneel in homage to his name.In soul upright, in contrite heart,
In life that conscience never condemns,
In love that heals a neighbor's smart,
These are our sacred Bethlehem.In better laws, in sweeter homes,
In grander hopes that conquer death,
There He, a living spirit, comes,
The Holy One of Nazareth.There brightly gleams the guiding star,
There angels chant their holy songs,
As they descend from gates ajar,
A multitude in shining throngs.There shall I best his presence see,
There bend the ear to hear again
Sweet strains of heavenly melody,
"Peace on the earth, good will to men."By these, I know my Lord is born,
In them behold his face divine,
I need not wait some hallowed morn,
Nor mangle seek in Palestine.

REV. VARNUM LINCOLN.

Is Andover Interested or Not?

The whole question of tree protection and forest ravaging seems to be upon Andover with a vengeance. No sooner is there a good prospect for the preservation of Indian Ridge and its fine growth of trees than news comes of the woodman's axe (or a much less poetic destroyer, the steam saw mill) in a growth just as grand, and already in the town's hands to keep or destroy. Does Andover want to preserve its forests or not? If because of fire ravage that injures a few trees, a whole forest is to be felled, on land already owned by the town, what use is there of buying more to be sacrificed in the same way, when another board of trustees shall so will it?

We do not pretend to pass upon the ability of the trustees of Spring Grove Cemetery to settle as to the wisdom of cutting down the trees on the land when they control; we are inclined to think they could have settled the question without a town meeting to pass upon it. Very likely they are right in their decision that the trees are so injured as to make it wise to cut them now, but isn't another forest likely to be injured in the same way, precipitating the same question of cutting or preserving? One of the strongest arguments for the preservation of Indian Ridge is that its Virgin forest may be saved from the tree cutters. One night five hundred citizens gather to devise the ways and means for such preservation, influenced by the desire to keep the forest and also the other natural beauties, two weeks later hardly two score have interest enough to come and hear the discussion upon a similar subject already under the town's control.

Do we, or don't we?

Editorial Cinders.

A merry Christmas, and a stockingful of gifts to all TOWNSMAN readers.

The Andover Conference deserves the praise of the World's Church people for their wise solution of the Lowell church difficulty.

This number of the TOWNSMAN goes to press Thursday night, too early for an account of Christmas eve festivities. Next week's issue will be full of all the events that make up the Andover Christmas.

This is the time of year when some of the most troublesome and dangerous diseases thrive. With the general good health that prevails in Andover at all times, there is no reason why Andover should fear any of these, but a call for especial care is certainly not out of place. Keep the body warm, the feet dry and the head cool and there is little danger from any disease that is abroad.

Once tried always used: Ayer's Hygienic Coffee. Grocers sell it.

SENTIMENT WITH BUSINESS.

Spinster on Indian Ridge. Extracts from Congregationalist and New York Post.

The brook has kept on singing very late this winter and so Roger skips in every few days to see what chance has brought for his beloved Ridge pines. The axe has been laid at the grove on the Frye Village road, our cemetery spring is threatened, and when shall we hear the singing of the pines except at the end of some long electric trip, when the "whiz" music drives all memory of finer things from sensitive ears. We did not begin to hope until the men like Wm. S. Jenkins and Warren F. Draper put their long heads in council with the geological enthusiasts and the sentimental Village Improvers. These elderly business men never plan to throw money away without a fair return, as their career among us proves.

A girl cousin, not an Abbott, whose dowry is land, not cash, with no brother to help pay her taxes, talked one day about the folly of asking the town's people, already heavily burdened with land, to add any more to the load; and one of the fine orators of the Grange stirred me up on the question of the value of wood lots as homes for insect devouring birds. Roger heard all that was said and after they had gone away and I had thought awhile over my two little squares on the hillside by the Shawahin, decided by the South Parish to an earlier generation, and how they all lay asleep with the pine anthem over them day and night, how all our dead lay now around the only place we can keep sweet to their memory, all looking over from four, yes five hill-tops to the little grove over the river, I, too, had a great longing to keep it all at any cost. And Roger said if the landowners could only look ahead and see how the price of their own land is enhanced by this one sale, they would be glad for the cousin who has inherited the "cream of the wood lots." Their turn will come soon and they will find out ten years from hence what a building lot with a few fine trees of natural growth upon it is going to be worth.

SPINSTER.

The two extracts which follow show the interest taken in the movement for the preservation of Indian Ridge, outside of Andover.

"Andover is agitating a unique plan for preserving a permanent memorial of the two hundred and fiftieth year of its corporate existence which was celebrated last summer. It is to purchase and turn into a public park 'Indian Ridge,' well known to thousands of Andover alumni and alumnae as a beautiful resort, and geologically famous since President Hitchcock discovered it in 1846 and Rev. G. Frederick Wright connected it with a system of glacial kames in 1875. A mass meeting was held last week in the interest of the project and Professor Wright, Dr. E. W. Donald and others made stirring addresses. Mr. Draper, the veteran publisher, offered to bear one tenth of the expense of purchasing the Ridge."—Congregationalist.

"There are few towns in the country more widely known than Andover, in Massachusetts, and whatever is done for its improvement may fairly be regarded as a matter of public interest. The name of 'Indian Ridge' will awaken many recollections of school days, nor is it unknown beyond the confines of our own land. As Prof. Hitchcock of Dartmouth College testifies, this ridge represents certain phenomena caused by the ice sheet that formerly covered New England, that can nowhere else be so conveniently studied. Sir Charles Lyell when in this country visited Andover for the especial purpose of examining the ridge, and it is more and more resorted to by students of geology. Prof. G. F. Wright has also made it the subject of several monographs, and it possesses an unusual combination of scientific, antiquarian, and aesthetic interests. The announcement, therefore, that unless prompt action is taken a large part of the ridge will pass into the hands of a lumber company, which will at once set up a steam sawmill and denude its slopes of their magnificent covering of pines, must occasion very general concern. Some of the public-spirited citizens of Andover have determined to make an effort to raise the sum, \$4,000 required to preserve this beautiful spot from desolation and secure it as a public park. As the object is far from being a purely local one, an appeal for aid is properly addressed to all who like to think of the old town as retaining all its beautiful features, as well as adding to their number. Contributions sent in care of the Andover TOWNSMAN will reach the Treasurer of the committee on subscriptions." New York Evening Post.

A Worthy Charity.

A case of destitution has come to the knowledge of the Andover Guild, which should appeal strongly to the benevolence of the townspeople. A family has been suffering for food, fuel and clothing and especially bed clothing. The man, who has been accustomed to the care of horses and driving a team, is very desirous of getting some kind of work. Children's clothing for a girl of two years and a boy of four, bed clothing and men's underwear is particularly desired. All contributions of clothing, household furnishings, vegetables, etc., may be left at the Guild House Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons between three and five o'clock, with Mrs. S. J. Bucklin, the Superintendent, who will see that they are distributed where most needed.

WILL CUT THE WOOD.

Special Town Meeting Authorizes the Cutting of the Standing Wood at Spring Grove Cemetery.

In response to the call for a special town meeting less than fifty citizens met in the Town Hall Monday evening, to see what the town would do relative to the woods at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Town Clerk Marland read the warrant, the first article of which called for the appointment of a Moderator, and Geo. H. Poor Esq. was chosen.

William S. Jenkins, chairman of the cemetery committee, explained that fires had so destroyed the trees on several acres of land that they would soon become valueless. Hence the committee decided that it would be best to have all such trees cut down and the wood sold. The sale would probably net the town \$500. Mr. Jenkins moved that the damaged trees be sold and the proceeds be turned into the treasury. Barnett Rogers seconded the motion.

After some discussion as to whether the committee could not act as it saw fit without calling for a town meeting, in which discussion it was shown that the committee had the power but preferred to get the sentiment of the citizens on the matter, Joseph Clark offered an amendment that the proceeds be expended in improving the cemetery grounds.

Messrs. S. M. Downs, Walter Buck and Frank Mills spoke in opposition to the motion, feeling that it was hardly necessary to destroy the fine grove. Mr. Buck proposed a second amendment that the services of an expert be secured to pass judgement as to whether it was necessary or not to cut down the trees. This amendment was lost, 8 to 13.

The original motion as amended by Mr. Clark was then put and carried by a vote of 14 to 8.

There are between six and eight acres of this wood which was burned over in the early spring. The wood is mostly pine and at present is in good condition but if left standing much longer will get worthless. The cutting will begin at once.

Punchard Fair.

The Punchard Fair closed last Friday evening and the result of the undertaking is much better than was expected. Despite the wet evening the attendance was large and the patronage very good. The fair also opened in the afternoon and the business at that time was also good.

The entertainment consisted of a farce entitled "Bicyclers," the parts being excellently taken by members of the school. The cast was as follows:

Barclow, Edward Hemmer.
Mr. Perkins, Edward White.
Mrs. Perkins, Miss Gertrude Jackson.
Taddeus, Timothy Cullinane.
Mr. Bradley, Ralph Coleman.
Mrs. Bradley, Miss Beatrice Reed.
Maid, Miss Edith Abbott.

Selections were also rendered by a quartette consisting of Miss Edith Abbott, piano; Donald Buchanan, flute; Miss Alice Cox, violin; Stanley Pratt, cornet.

Only a few articles remained on the tables and these were auctioned off at the close of the business. As a result the class will clear \$100 which will be more than sufficient to cover the expense of the graduating exercises.

Guild House Furnishings.

The furnishing committee gratefully acknowledge the following articles contributed for fitting up the Guild House:

Two sewing machines, 100 chairs, bureau, table, clothes wringer, 3 wash boards, 6 towels, dish-cloth, soap-shaker, 2 bread tins, gem pan, egg beater, apple parer, scoop, dish pan, knife, towel rack, door-mat, bell, basket, book rack, 7 dumb bells, 2 pairs Indian clubs and rings, a set of Mrs. Potts' sad irons are promised and \$17 in cash has been received for the purchase of other furniture as required. One hundred and sixty-five chairs were ordered of Mr. Noyes in response to the invitation sent out by the committee on house warming, but as only one hundred are needed the value of the remainder has been placed at the credit of the furnishing committee, to be used as seems wise. This arrangement the committee trust will be satisfactory to all donors.

The above offerings with the generous gifts before recorded in these columns of furnishings for the director's room, and window shades for the whole house, together with promised aid from many others, afford ample proof that there is a widespread interest in the work which is to be carried on with this new home as its centre.

Weather Record.Temperature taken in the morning between 5 and 7 o'clock, and at noon between 12 and 1 o'clock.
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Li Hung Chang asked a great many questions. He wanted to know about everything. We want folks to ask questions about their hair, (especially those who have thin or falling hair) we want them to know all about everything we use and how we use it, then the chances are we'll do your work. Parisian Hair store, next door to the Post-office.

THE LOWELL CHURCH DIFFICULTY

The Andover Conference Makes a Gratifying Adjustment.

The ecclesiastical council called to consider the differences between the First Trinitarian Church of Lowell and the body claiming to be the First Congregational Church arrived at a unanimous decision Wednesday afternoon.

The council reconvened at the meeting house of the First Congregational Church at 9.30, yesterday morning. The business before the council was the report of a committee of five appointed December 18th, to prepare a substitute for the motion declaring that the First Congregational Church had never been incorporated. It was in the form of a preamble and a minute of three items which were voted on separately and then as a whole. The last three votes were unanimous. The preamble and minute were read by Rev. C. L. Merriam as follows:

"In view of the present state of the difficulty between the two parties in controversy, and the fact that the final decision as to the identity of the First Congregational Church must come from the civil courts, where the matter is now pending, the council finds: First, that the pastorate of Rev. George F. Kenn gott finished Dec. 31, 1895; second, that the meeting of June 19, 1896, held in the First Congregational meeting house at which it was voted 'that the First Congregational Church in Lowell in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts be incorporated, under the provisions of law, by the name of the First Trinitarian Congregational Church in Lowell, was held in disregard of the standing rules of the First Congregational Church in Lowell, but in conformity with the statutes of the state; third, that bodies claiming to be the original First Congregational Church are de facto Congregational Churches; and the council recommends that, until the aforesaid decision is given, both Churches be recognized under the names which they respectively claim.

After the noon collation, the council continued in private session, and then in open session the result of the council was read. A messenger was sent to invite any of the First Trinitarian party to hear the result, but failed to reach them.

After the usual votes of acknowledgment and thanks, and a prayer by Dr. Plumb of Boston, the council dissolved.

"The outcome is gratifying," said a prominent member of the council to the TOWNSMAN representative, "in that it is unanimous, and gives a modus vivendi to both organizations in council conferences, Christian Endeavor conventions, statistical reports, etc., where heretofore there has been opportunity for conflict of duties and courtesies.

"It does not attempt to decide which of the two bodies is the original First Congregational Church.

Dr. Bancroft presided and the other delegates from Andover were Prof. Smyth, Rev. Mr. Shipman, Dr. Selah Merrill, Rev. F. A. Wilson, Rev. R. A. MacFadden, Jos. A. Smart, S. H. Boutwell and John L. Brewster.

Special Service at West Church.

At the West Parish Church a special Christmas service, with appropriate music, entitled "The Birth of a Century" will be used at the concert Sunday evening. The exercise is intended to illustrate the course of Christian history from the birth of Christ to this day.

The Program:Organ Voluntary.
Song, "Christians, Awake!"
Scripture Reading.
Prayer.
Song, "There's a song in the air."
Recitations of Scripture.
Remarks, Chronology of Christ's Birth, etc.
Song, "There is a room."
Responsive Reading.
The Procession of the Centuries.
Song, "Endeavor."
Christmas Offering.
Song.
Benediction.**Advertised Letters.**Unclaimed Letters, Dec. 21, 1896:
Anderson, Alex. H. Howe, E. C.
Bailey, Mrs. Lambert, Henry
Briggs, Harriet Murphy, Annie A.
Cowan, Walter Robbins, W. B.
Driest, J. T. Starr, E. S.
Hill, Spencer M. Whalen, T. G.
Hutchins, Mrs. Harriet White, Annie
W. G. Goldsmith, F. M.**Performance Elevating.**

"The Watch and Ward Society is the only organization which seeks by an active, aggressive policy, combined with moral effort, to remove those agencies which corrupt the morals of the young." is the introductory paragraph of the last report of a society that has become known all over the United States for its good work. Its active agent is Mr. Henry Chase, than whom there is no more respected man in Massachusetts. Therefore, what he had to say before a meeting of the Unitarian Club of Watertown, Mass., a few evenings back, carries great weight. "In the course of an address on the subject 'The Theatre as it is and as it ought to be,' the venerable censor said 'I belong to the Methodist Church, but I do not agree with all my brethren regarding the theatre or amusements. It is the height of folly to put a third class drama on a church platform, and then preach against the theatres the next Sunday. I desire to see a purification of the stage; I believe in the theatre; I do not say a word against it, but against its character. I believe it is the highest duty to approve that which is good and condemn that which is bad. Take Keith's theatre as a standard. The performance is elevating and amusing; there is nothing low or suggestive.' All patrons of Keith's will agree with Mr. Chase's conclusions.

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DR. SELAH MERRILL.

His Friends Again Urge Him to Seek a
Consular Appointment.

The success of the republican cause in the recent national election has turned men's attention to possible appointments by President McKinley. A local interest is attached to the United States consularship to Jerusalem by the fact that Dr. Selah Merrill has been twice appointed consul and has served with especial faithfulness.

Dr. Merrill was seen by a TOWNSMAN reporter and asked if he would accept another appointment to the Holy Land. He said that many of his friends had already asked him the same question to which he had replied that it was too early to think about the matter yet. He said, however, that he himself had taken no steps towards presenting his name as an applicant for the honor; but "what others had done in his behalf he could not say."

During the conversation Dr. Merrill intimated that he would accept an appointment. He said that he should like to profit by past experience and extend the work of the consularship to much larger proportions. He said the field for usefulness in Jerusalem is a great one for an American consul.

Dr. Merrill is thoroughly conversant with the manners, customs and history of the Holy Land, as his well known lectures on these subjects will testify, and is particularly fitted to serve the interests of the United States.

His many friends hope to see him reinstated to a position where his knowledge and progressive ideas will be put to good use.

Historic Indian Ridge.

We fear that the good people of Andover have mostly forgotten us, but we spent our childhood and youth in the dear old town, and our hearts have lately been saddened by the news that "Indian Ridge" is in danger of destruction. The beautiful forest stretched along ridge formed a favorite place of resort and we remember with delight the pleasure parties and Sunday School picnics held under the shade of those lovely pine woods. The Ridge is deeply interesting to scientists, there are very few earth formations in New England which resemble it, and geologists from far and near have visited Andover in order to examine this remarkable earth mound.

The place is identified with the history of Andover, also several important political meetings have been held upon the slope of the Ridge. In June, 1835, sixty-one years ago while Osgood Johnson was Principal of Phillips Academy the students, fired with zeal for the slave, desired to hold an Abolition meeting. The Academy buildings and all the church edifices then in town were refused to the young enthusiasts, but Indian Ridge received them; a fiery abolition meeting was held under her shade until a vigorous rain shower washed it out. The event was a memorable one in the annals of Andover Abolitionism.

Shall this sanctuary of patriots, this resort of pleasure and spot of rich scientific interest be abandoned to the spoiler? Some twenty-five years ago a noble and generous citizen of Andover, now no more, had planned to purchase the woods around Pompe Pond and present them to the town for a pleasure ground. A previous sale which had been effected baffled his intention and the beautiful grove was cut up for the sake of timber and firewood. Shall Indian Ridge, equally beautiful, share the same fate. We hope that there will be a rally on the part of our townsmen to save these lovely woods. The present owners cannot be expected to keep the place at their own expense for the sake of the public; no one can ask of them so unreasonable a favor. But we hope that all of our townsmen will unite in the effort to preserve for themselves and children this beautiful resort of pleasure and place of scientific and historical interest.

We remain with unchanged love, for our native town,

Sincerely yours ever,
MR. AND MRS. WM. E. PARK,
Gloversville, N. Y. Dec. 5, 1896.

ANDOVER IN THE CENSUS.

Population, Houses and Interesting Social
Statistics.

Chief Statistician Horace G. Wadlin is presenting some very interesting information in his census bulletins of which No. 5 has just been issued. So far parts 3, 4, and 5 are issued and their information relating to Andover embrace the following interesting facts:

76 per cent. of the votes in Andover are native born and 55 per cent. are under 30 years of age. There are 1296 families in Andover containing from one member to 82 members each; there are 252 families which contain four members each, 208 of two members each, 203 of three each, 188 of five each, 150 of six each, and the others range from six to the one "family" at Phillips Academy of 82. Andover's population of 1296 families is housed in 10039 rooms or an average of 7.75 rooms per family. To show how generous Andover is with her accommodations it may be mentioned that in Lawrence the average rooms per family is 5.80. There are 1218 dwelling houses in Andover and but 62 of them are unoccupied. 24 are one story, 385 one story and attic, 216 two stories and 637 two stories and attic; the remainder are various kinds and sizes, 1108 of these houses are built of wood, 24 of brick, 3 of stone, 23 of wood and brick and 2 of wood and stone.

47 per cent. of the inhabitants of Andover are males and 53 per cent. females; there are 54 colored persons in towns. 60 per cent. of the Andover population is in the list of "single" persons while 7 per cent. are widowed and only one per cent. divorced. In this last statement of conjugal condition Andover ranks high (?) being the eighth town in the state in its percentage of single persons.

A Loyal Little Maid

On the banks of the Hudson at Manor Hall, the ancient Phillipse Mansion, is laid the scene of this bright story of Revolutionary days. The little patriot maiden, Betsey Schuyler, is the heroine of an exciting episode in which General Washington and Alexander Hamilton are prominent figures, as well as a daughter of the Tories and an old Dutch clock. Quaintly appropriate illustrations by Miss Sacker add charm and vividness to the plot. It is a pity that the descriptive paragraphs had not been in more simple language, for the book would then be adapted to even more juvenile readers and quite as enjoyable to the older ones. Would that all our clever story-tellers were disciples of Addison!

The cover is of artistic design, and with all its attractions the marvel is that this lovely gift-book may be bought for so small a sum.

(A Loyal Little Maid. Edith Robinson. Joseph Knight Company, \$50. For sale at the Andover Bookstore.)

Births.

In Andover, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Knipe.

In Andover, Dec. 20, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Driscoll.

Marriages.

In Lynn, Dec. 23, Harry Noyes of Andover and Miss May Rhodes of Lynn.

In Andover, Dec. 23, by Rev. Frederic Palmer, Robert Thomas and Miss Mary Ellen Long.

In Andover, Dec. 24, by Rev. Frederic Palmer, James Callum and Miss Helen Tyrie.

In Lowell, Dec. 24, Alexander Bruce and Miss Annie Walton.

Deaths.

In Andover, Dec. 22, Ellen H., wife of Daniel Mahoney, aged 38 years, 3 months, 27 days.

A genuine ghost-story has yet to be attested; but not so a genuine blood-purifier. Over and over again it has been proved that Ayer's Sarsaparilla stands alone among medicines as the most reliable tonic-alterative in pharmacy. It stood alone at the World's Fair.

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A New Industry proposed For Local Capital and Interest.

A meeting of the citizens of Andover and Ballardvale is called for Wednesday evening, the 30th inst., at lower Town Hall, to consider the merits of an enterprise, desirous of locating at Ballardvale.

Having investigated the subject both from a commercial and mechanical standpoint and in quite a thorough manner we are satisfied that it is one which deserves earnest attention on the part of all who wish to see our townspeople furnished with steady employment and to see our population increase and prosper.

The business which has been fully explained in circulars to be sent to many of our residents, is one which appears to be substantial, one which would be a very prosperous one from the beginning. It seems to contain every feature that would enable a manufacture to pay large profits and to grow to immense proportions. We hope that every person in town will take an interest in this matter to look into its merits carefully and thoroughly. Be sure to attend the meeting next Wednesday evening.

Christmas Weddings.

THOMAS-LONG.

Wednesday evening at the home of Simeon Wrigley on North Main Street, Robert D. Thomas and Miss Mary Ellen Long were united in marriage by Rev. Frederic Palmer.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives from North Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and town. The bride was attended by Miss Annie Hastings while John Smith of North Andover performed the duties of best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas received the congratulations of their friends at the close of the ceremony, after which a wedding supper was served. The display of wedding gifts was large and beautiful. The newly married couple will make their home for the present with Mr. Wrigley.

NOYES-RHODES.

At the residence of the bride's parents in Lynn, Harry Noyes, book-keeper at the Tyler Rubber Co.'s office, and Miss May Rhodes were married Wednesday evening.

The marriage was private, only the families being present. The bride was attended by her sister and Frank Noyes, brother of the groom, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes left on a bridal tour through New York State and will be at home in January at their handsome residence just erected by Mr. Noyes on High Street.

BRUCE-WALTON.

A quiet home wedding occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents in Lowell, Alexander Bruce, formerly of this town, and Miss Annie Walton of Lowell being the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives of the families.

The groom is a brother of Captain Bruce of the Andover Cricket Club, and previously to his accepting a position as overseer in the Pacific Mills, lived in town. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce will make their home in Lawrence.

CALLUM-TYRIE.

James Callum, one of our well-known young people, and Miss Helen Tyrie, formerly of Methuen, took the vows of matrimony at the home of Hugh Kydd in the Village, yesterday forenoon at eleven o'clock. Rev. Frederic Palmer performed the ceremony, at which only the families of the contracting parties were present. Miss Jane Tyrie, niece of the bride, was bridesmaid and Llewellyn Pomeroy attended the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Callum left on the afternoon train for Fitchburg on a wedding trip, and on their return they will reside on Summer Street. Their many friends in town left many beautiful presents, the groom being handsomely remembered by his fellow workers in the rubber factory where he has been employed for several years.

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BALLARD VALE.

Mrs. John Fallows has been quite ill.

The Ballard Vale Mills shut down last night for the rest of the week.

Miss Martha Lawrence is learning the dressmaker's trade in Lawrence.

A. A. Bush and wife will spend Christmas with his sister in Bradford.

Miss Ethel Quinby of Haverhill is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stark, Marland Street.

Miss Ruby S. Copeland is spending her vacation at her home in Dorchester.

Clester Matthews has been confined to his home by sickness.

Rev. J. J. Ryan of Cambridge, N. Y., has been visiting some of his former parishioners during the past week.

Miss Kate Cameron of Saco, Me., is spending the week with her friend, Miss Jean McFarlane.

John Riley of Newport, R. I., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, River Street.

William Matthews, who has been working in Ansonia, Conn., returned home Tuesday, to spend Christmas with his family.

Sherman Goodwin, of the Bangor Theological Seminary is spending his Christmas vacation at his home on Marland Street.

The fifth number in the Bradlee Course will be given next Wednesday evening, consisting of a concert by Messrs. Maynard and Coffin the celebrated blind musicians.

The public is cordially invited to attend both the Christmas trees to-night. Special programs have been prepared. The Methodists will have their exercises in their church commencing at 7.30 o'clock and the Congregationalists will have theirs in Bradlee Hall, commencing at 7 o'clock.

John G. Ingalls, who was recently killed while shackling cars in the freight yard at the Arlington Mills, Lawrence, was well known to quite a number of people in the Vale, on account of his wife, Mrs. Ingalls, who has preached in the Methodist church several times and is a very eloquent and effective speaker.

Pearl Nason and Lulu Hammond took part in the speaking contest held in Lowell last Saturday evening under the auspices of the Juvenile Templars. Seventeen speakers were present and Pearl Nason stood second with a percentage of .96, which was certainly a very creditable showing.

There was a large attendance at the Christmas concert at the Congregational Church last Sunday evening. The exercises and singing by the scholars of the primary department were unusually good and reflected considerable credit on the committee who had so thoroughly drilled them. The recitations by Della Matthews and Nellie Dearborn were especially fine and merit particular mention. At the conclusion of the concert a collection was taken to help defray the expenses of the tree Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Sarah A. Reed died of paralysis last Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock, at the home of her nephew Frank Herrick at the advanced age of 84 years. The deceased was born in Salem, Mass., in 1812, and spent the early part of her life in Andover, where she attended Abbot Academy and will doubtless be remembered by many of the old residents. She finally married and went to reside in Rockdale, Mass., where she lived very happily until her husband died. After which she removed to the Vale and has lived with her nephew Frank Herrick for the past fifteen years. Mrs. Reed has suffered from a protracted illness having been sick since last October. She was universally loved and respected and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The funeral took place from the house yesterday afternoon and was conducted by the Rev. Arthur L. Golder. Interment in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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MONSTER MEETING.

New Yorkers Manifest Their Sympathy For Cuba.

Colonel Ethan Allen Makes a Patriotic Speech to a Monster And Once—Financial Assistance Rendered.

New York, Dec. 22.—Last evening the friends of Cuba made a magnificent and enthusiastic sympathetic demonstration for the cause of liberty. A mass meeting at Cooper Union and a parade arranged by the Society of American Friends of Cuba gave Cuban supporters an opportunity to express their sentiments. It was impossible to gain admittance to the main hall half an hour after the doors of Cooper Union were opened. Long before the hour set an immense crowd gathered, and when the doors swung open there was a tremendous rush for seats.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Cuban league, which sprung into existence during the Ten Years' War, and which has been revived since the outbreak for independence. The league is to secure for Cuba, by all lawful, peaceful and honorable means, its political independence; to encourage them with our sympathy and moral support, and to arouse the whole nation to demand an end of the campaign of murder and destruction.

Such was the call which aroused the feelings of the thousands of citizens who packed the main hall of the historic Cooper Union as soon as the doors were thrown open to the public. In the immense gathering men were seen wearing the uniforms of the regular army, and not a few national guardsmen.

The platform was decorated with Stars and Stripes and the pretty little emblem of Cuba Libre.

Before the meeting was called to order by Colonel Ethan Allen, president of the Cuban league, revolutionary circulars were distributed. One of them ran thusly:

Cubans, the hour has come at last when all must rise in mighty wrath; our hero's death has struck the glorious note. That shall prove a great call to arms.

A call which we leap to obey.

While deeper rolls the mighty voice of justice in thunderous tones.

A voice which thrills our very soul.

A voice at which tyrants tremble.

To arms! To arms! We hear the shout.

"Al machete" the cry rings out.

Sweep on, sweep on, victorious hosts, Machete shall be avenged.

As soon as the speakers had arrived the meeting was called to order, and then Colonel Ethan Allen, in an interesting speech, explained the object of the gathering. Upon taking the chair he spoke, in part, as follows:

"This immense and enthusiastic audience is proof that the heart of our citizens shall throb in memory for any people struggling to be free. Further than this, it is proof that the American people do not breathe the air of cowards, although some of the government may. We are assembled tonight to uphold, in other lands, the cause for which Washington and his compatriots contended in this. If we are not willing to make some sacrifices to extend the heritage of liberty, benevolence to us from the storms of battle, we are unworthy to hold and to enjoy them ourselves."

"Cuba is now for the second time in the death grapple with her savage foe. She is resolved to be free, and we are here tonight to say she shall. The curse of Spanish rule is no longer to be tolerated."

"We are told that Maceo is dead. It may be so. What a renown to have lived his life and to have met his death! Solitary and alone he was worth an army corps, and his taking off gives all Spain exultation as if great armies had been captured."

"With Spain we have tried argument long enough. She is not amenable to reason, so we must resort to some other force. The time has come to stop talking and to load our guns."

A number of other gentlemen, prominent in Cuban circles, made speeches, and it was announced that W. E. D. Stokes had contributed \$1000 to be used in the cause of Cuba. Several other donations, ranging from \$50 to \$400, were made. A dispatch from the junta in Paris was read, which stated that \$100,000 had been collected for the cause of Cuba in that city.

Colonel Allen then read resolutions which had been previously prepared and were unanimously adopted. The resolutions recapitulate Cuba's noble struggle for freedom on this and a former occasion, and recite that their struggle is exactly as was ours in 1774. The noble proclamation of principles contained in the Cuban declaration of independence must, it is argued, appeal to every freeman's heart. The heartless treatment of the Cuban patriots by this government is indignantly denounced and repudiated. After the resolutions were read General Bradley T. Johnston of Virginia was introduced as the "historian and the soldier." At his opening the speaker said that he believed that 90 per cent of the people of the United States are in favor of Cuban independence, and that fully 75 per cent favored this government helping the insurgents end the struggle. Afterward General Johnston said that President Cleveland had no right to disobey a law passed by congress, and if he did he is liable to impeachment.

Manchester Carpenter Killed.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 22.—Royal W. Fulton, a carpenter, fell from a staging yesterday afternoon while at work on a building and fractured his skull, from the effects of which he died shortly afterward. He was 30 years of age and single, and had lived here only a few years, coming here from Stratford, Vt., where he has a brother and sister living.

Loom Fixers Strike.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 19.—The loom fixers at Wamsutta mill, No. 5, are out on strike. A conference regarding wages was held yesterday between a strikers' committee and the mill treasurer, but no agreement was reached. From present indications there is a liability of a strike extending to other mills of the corporation.

Home Destroyed.

East Radford, Va., Dec. 7.—Fire broke out in the grocery of T. J. Newell yesterday and spread rapidly, burning in three directions, entirely consuming 25 houses, of which the majority were stores. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000, with insurance of about \$10,000.

NEWS FROM HAVANA.

Gomez Preparing to Avow Murder of his Son and Mine.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—A special from Key West says: Passengers on the Havana boat last night say preparations are being made with secrecy for a forward move. Three battalions of newly-landed troops left by water Sunday for the east. It is supposed that this is part of Weyler's coming campaign. Gomez is advancing rapidly, and it is thought that Weyler, if possible, will prevent his coming to the gates of Havana. It is stated from Cuban sources that the Cuban leader is wild over the murder of his son and his beloved chief lieutenant, and is burning to revenge their fall. The Cubans in the army are infuriated also. Dr. Zertucha is a marked man, too, and it is reported that a move has been made to abduct him. He is now in a fortress some miles from Havana with a strong Spanish guard. His trip to Spain will be postponed, the Cubans say, as if he goes over there they have friendly hands in that country who will avenge Maceo and young Gomez.

A detachment of troops at the plantation of Progreso, in Matanzas, has killed the insurgent leader Bernardino Velazquez Villajou.

Captain General Weyler arrived at 7 o'clock yesterday morning at Mariel, and was at Artemisa by 10 o'clock, whence he proceeded by coach in company with General Arolas, Chief of Staff Escarban and General Weyler's son, who is an aide to his father.

General Weyler has ordered that the cattle should be gathered up immediately by the guerrillas in order to deprive the insurgents of their food supply.

General Solano has raised the siege of the village of Mayaguez, in Santa Clara province, and has in turn attacked the insurgents who retreated from the town with losses.

Death of Roswell G. Horr.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 19.—Ex-Congressman Roswell G. Horr died yesterday, after a sickness of two weeks with pneumonia and brights disease. He was first stricken after finishing his speech-making in the late presidential campaign.

Roswell G. Horr was born Nov. 24, 1830, in Waterville, Vt. He received his education in the public schools, and when young moved to the west. In 1871 he took up his home in Saginaw, Mich., from which district he was elected to congress on the Republican ticket in 1878, and served with distinction three successive terms. When his term in congress expired he went on the lecture platform. Within the year he participated in a joint debate with Harvey, the author of "Coin's Financial School."

In 1890 he moved to Plainfield and became a member of the editorial staff of the New York Tribune, which position he has held ever since. When the national Republican campaign committee called speakers last fall he was one of the first to respond, and made over 90 speeches before he was taken sick with bronchitis.

Run on Chicago Banks.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Quite a crowd of people gathered at the Illinois Trust and Savings bank yesterday, the similarity of the name with that of the collapsed National Bank of Illinois deceiving many depositors and leading them to believe the Illinois Trust to be in trouble. Depositors who wished to withdraw their money were quickly formed in line and everyone else required to leave. The bank, however, took advantage of the 60 days' notice clause, and no withdrawals in sums of over \$100 were allowed. This had the effect of greatly decreasing the line, and withdrawals soon ceased. Similar action was taken at the Hibernian bank, where a small run was started and with a like effect.

Boston Money Tied Up.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Boston banks, it is learned, have about \$200,000 locked up in the National Bank of Illinois, which suspended Monday morning. The balances kept in Chicago were much larger than those held in any other western city, as Chicago is known as "the reserve city."

The bulk of the western collections by Boston banks were made through the First National bank of Chicago up to within a year ago, but were at that time transferred to the National Bank of Illinois. Boston bankers, while naturally somewhat anxious, expect to receive all that is due them from the failed bank.

Death of Hon. Henry L. Pierce.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Hon. Henry L. Pierce, ex-mayor of this city, died last night, after a brief sickness, at the home of T. B. Aldrich, the author. Mr. Pierce was born in 1823, and entered the employ of Walter Baker & Co., chocolate manufacturers, in 1850. Upon the death of Mr. Baker, in 1854, Mr. Pierce took charge of the business, and since then has been the sole manager, and in the last 20 years the sole owner of the establishment. He was mayor of the city in 1872 and again in 1877, and a member of congress from 1873 to 1877.

Three Sisters Perish.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 21.—Martha Wilbor, Elizabeth Wilbor and Charlotte Wilbor, three sisters, descendants of a well-known old colonial family, which was among the early settlers here, perished in the burning of their home here Saturday night. All three women resided alone in the old homestead. The accident was caused by alcohol which Miss Elizabeth Wilbor was using becoming ignited from a lamp which was on a table beside her.

"George Harris" Survives.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 23.—Mayor Simrall has received a letter from Charles Umbers of Dunedin, New Zealand, informing him that a subscription of \$70 had been made there and would be sent to the mayor as a Christmas gift for George Harris Clark, who is understood to be the George Harris of Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Clark has been on the verge of starvation for some time.

President in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The president and his companions, who have been hunting in South Carolina waters for a week, returned to the city last night. The president had a restful time, and feels much refreshed and invigorated after the fatigue brought on by his exacting duties preparatory to the meeting of congress.

Harbor Defense Contract Awarded.

Washington, Dec. 19.—General Craig, chief of engineers, has awarded the contract for the construction of gun emplacements at Fort Constitution, near Portsmouth, N. H., to the Hartford Paving and Construction company of Hartford, at \$35,372.

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PROBATE COURT.

ESSEX, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Samuel H. Furber otherwise called S. Henry Furber, late of North Andover in said County, mechanic, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Willis H. Chandler who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to accept said trust:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Salem, in said County of Essex, on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation in the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

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EARL H. EATON.

THE LEADING MAN.

A CHRISTMAS STORY BY ALICE E. IVER.

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"A Christmas tree!"

"Yes, and you must come to it."

"Thank you—I—"

"Oh, but you must! The whole company are to be there, and every one is to have a present, if it's only a box of tooth-picks. If we can't be home, we're going to play we're all one big family."

"I hope your play will be a 'hit'!"

laughed the new leading man; "but, really, I've lots of letters to write."

"On Christmas night?" cried the soubrette, with horror.

"Yes, Christmas is no more to me than any other day. You really must excuse me, Susie. And the leading man's face became a bit hard as he turned away.

"So his high and mightiness won't come. I thought so," said the heavy woman.

"No," said the soubrette, slightly crest-fallen; "he isn't in the humor."

It was the day before Christmas, and "The Great Gold Mine" company were all on the stage for rehearsal. How they hated

"Well, there are always two sides to a story."

it on the day of all others when they wanted to be free! But the leading man had quarreled with the stage manager and left suddenly, and rehearsals had to be called for the newcomer.

Do you know what Christmas means in a traveling theatrical company, you who on that blessed day can sit safely housed under your own roof-tree, beside your own fires and beneath your own spray of holly, where the one you love can call to you a merry Christmas and the eyes that love you can look into yours?

Have you thought how those wanderers who find themselves 1,000 miles from home, husband, wife, sister, mother or the babies at Yuletide may perhaps flick off a tear or two while putting on the grease paint?

At "The Great Gold Mine" rehearsal the heavy woman rushed in from the express office after sending a box of dolls and toys to her youngest, and the low comedian, who was a very vulgar person every night, looked tenderly at a sample of black silk from the gown for mother. Others talked in a jolly spirit of comradeship about the Christmas tree. Susie Sunly pondered a little over the new leading man's refusal to join them.

"He's too big," went on Mrs. Cowles. "He always wanted the earth. I wonder we got him. Well, I've no patience with a man who will treat his wife as he did. It's a shame! Jennie Braco was as nice a girl as ever lived, and to think of his leaving her for that Blanche Kendrick! Poor Jennie! She just about worshipped him. I thought they were too happy to have it last. Oh, these men!"

"Well, there are always two sides to a story," said the soubrette, "and I happen to know something of the other side. His wife was that jealous of him she just made a small sized hussy and carried it around with her. I know she thought her eyes of him, but she didn't go the right way to show it."

"I guess he gave her cause enough to be jealous."

"Not at first he didn't. But you know he's a handsome, fascinating fellow, whom women have always been good to, and he can't help doing the agreeable to save his life. I've heard her nag him even in the wings if he stopped to chat with one of the ladies."

"Now, Sue, you know it went beyond innocent chats."

"I'm not saying it didn't in the end. I was in the same company, and I saw the whole thing."

"You did?"

"Yes, Blanche Kendrick was doing the leads, and one night I heard Jennie going for him in the dressing room about her."

"He stood it very quietly for a time. Then he blazed out: 'See here, Jennie, I've borne your senseless jealousy about long enough. I've told you you had no real cause. But, by Jove, I'll give you one now, so that you may know what the real article is like.'"

"The brute!" broke in Mrs. Cowles.

"Yes, it was rather brutal, but it was pretty natural, too, and I don't know that I blamed him much."

"Well, that night Forrest Burrows took Kendrick out to supper and didn't ask his wife."

"Two or three of us were on to the fracas and were waiting out for the climax. It came bright and early the next morning. Jennie went to the manager—oh, she was a determined little thing!—and she told him if he didn't give Kendrick notice she would leave and take her husband with her."

"Poor Barry, the manager, was in a bad fix. But Jennie was just playing small parts, and they could spare her a great deal better than they could Blanche Kendrick."

"The hussy!"

"The leading man still held the child

"Yes, she wasn't any too good, but she was a great 'looker,' and she could act."

"I was on the stage when Harry called Burrows aside to speak with him. I heard Burrows say: 'Why, I haven't the least idea of leaving. As for my wife, that's only a little fit of jealousy. It'll blow over.'"

"It didn't blow over, though. In one week from that time Jennie left and went home alone. I think Burrows never imagined she'd do it, for he came near going to pieces in the first act after he found she had gone. I believe at first he thought of going after her. But you know what throwing up an engagement in the middle of the season means, and after that Blanche Kendrick just wound herself around him. She knew how to do it."

"Did Jennie get a divorce?"

"I don't know. Wasn't there a child?"

"Seems to me I heard so, but I'm not sure. Anyway poor Jennie has been having hard lines."

"Burrows was ill for nearly a year and couldn't work. I suppose he couldn't do much for her."

"I dare say he gives it all to the Kendrick."

"Oh, no; that was off long ago. Do you know the way he spoke a few minutes ago about Christmas? It seemed to me he was thinking of his wife."

"More likely of the new part," sniffed the heavy woman.

"First act!" shouted the stage manager, and the soubrette made a dash for her entrance.

Things seemed bound to go crisscross in "The Great Gold Mine" company. That very day Paquita, "the child wonder," who played the infant role, was taken with the measles, and a new child had to be speedily secured.

She was rather a pretty little thing, with large, blue eyes and curly, golden hair, but as she was not yet 4 years old the manager feared she was too young, but the woman who brought her assured him she was very clever and would soon learn the two or three lines she was to speak.

"Great Caesar! A new kid, too!" sighed the leading man. "She'll be afraid of me, and the audience will think I've kidnapped her instead of being her lawful parent. I must try to cultivate her."

"Come here, midget," he said kindly.

"I'm not midget. I'm Little Pearl," answered the mite, with great dignity.

"That's a very nice name." And he put out his arms to her.

She hesitated. "I don't think I like you," she said doubtfully.

"Dear me! Why don't you like me?"

"You're too handsome."

There was a chorus of laughter at Burrows' expense.

"That's the first time my fatal beauty ever proved to be a drawback in the profession," laughed Burrows.

"My mamma said I was not to like handsome men," said the child gravely.

"Mamma has evidently had a history," added Burrows in an aside voice. "But," he went on, determined to conciliate the child, "I am your papa, you know. You must be good to me anyway."

"Oh, are you really my papa? Then mamma won't mind if I kiss you." And the tot suddenly flung her chubby arms around the leading man's neck and put her little cherry lips up to his.

The situation was, to say the least, embarrassing. Titters were heard in various directions, and a smothered guffaw exploded in the wings.

"Oh, I mean I am your papa in the play! We are just making believe," hastily corrected the actor.

The little one drew away from him, and the childish lips quivered.

"Oh, I thought you were my really, truly papa!" she said, with a strangely pathetic look in the big blue eyes.

"Didn't you ever see your papa?"

"No, never."

"Is he dead?"

"I don't know. Mamma cried when I asked her."

"I hope he was good."

"Oh, he was! My mamma said so."

"Then he must be dead," said the leading man in a decided tone. "The good men are all dead. It always proves fatal. I'm quite bad, you know."

"I don't think you're bad," gravely shaking her head.

"Bless you! That's comforting—to have some one have faith in you. I mean I'm bad in the play, not always. You will like me, won't you?"

"Oh, yes, if mamma lets me."

A truce being thus arranged, the rehearsal proceeded. That night the leading man made a hit, and Little Pearl acquitted herself with credit. When she came to the line, "Papa, won't you kiss mamma?" she got a round of applause. But there was something wrong with Burrows. He stopped suddenly, as though he had seen a ghost in the wings, faltered in his speech and was only saved by the leading woman throwing him his line. In two minutes the curtain was down and

"DIDN'T YOU EVER SEE YOUR PAPA?"

the people had scattered to their rooms. But Burrows still held the child's hand. He led her to some one who was waiting for her. She was a pale, thin little woman in shabby clothes.

"Jennie," he cried, "are you ill?"

The woman became a shade paler and caught at the heavy set beside her.

"Come," she said to the child, "come, Edith."

"Edith! My God, my own child, and I didn't know it!"

He caught the little one to his heart, almost crushing her in his strong arms.

"Give her to me," said the woman, with a sort of fierceness. "It is time for her to go home."

"Won't you let me see her just a moment? Am I not her father?"

"Oh," cried the little one gleefully, "are you really and truly my papa? Then why don't you kiss mamma too?"

"I would," said Burrows very softly, "if she would let me. Tell her, Edith, I would like to go home with her and stay with you and her mother."

"Well," broke in the child, "why don't you kiss her?"

The leading man still held the child

tightly in his arms. He looked appealingly at the small woman, who had not changed her position.

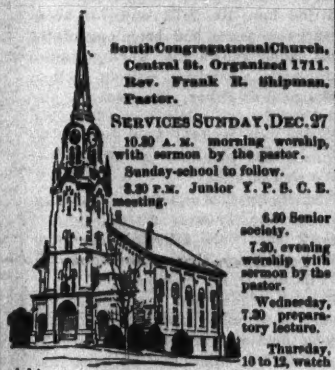
"Jennie," he said, "it is Christmas eve, a time to forgive and forget. I want the old times back. For the child's sake, can you?"

Somehow he couldn't get any further, for Jennie was sobbing on his breast, and Edith was reiterating her request for him to kiss her, and he was obeying her commands quite to the letter.

The little child had led them. And that night the leading man had a Christmas tree of his own.

ANDOVER CHURCHES.

Their Next Week's Services and Past Week's Doings.



South Congregational Church, Central St. Organized 1711. Rev. Frank H. Shipman, Pastor.

SERVICES SUNDAY, DEC. 27

10.30 A. M., morning worship, with sermon by the pastor.

Sunday-school at 12 o'clock.

8.30 P. M., Junior Y. P. S. C. E. meeting.

8.30 Senior society.

7.30, evening worship with sermon by the pastor.

Wednesday, 7.30 preparatory lecture.

Thursday, 10 to 12, watch

night.

West Parish Congregational Church, Organized 1898. Rev. Robert A. MacFadden, Pastor.

SUNDAY DEC. 27.

10.30 A. M., morning worship with sermon by the pastor.

Sunday-school at 12 o'clock.

8.30 P. M., Christian Endeavor meeting.

7.30 P. M., "The Progress of the Centuries," in the church.

Wednesday, 7.30 P. M., the annual meeting of the church.

Thursday, evening, 7.30, preparatory lecture.

The West Church joins with the other churches of the town in the Watch Night service at the South Church, Thursday, Dec. 31, at 10 P. M.

Christ Church, Episcopal, Central Street Organized 1835. Rev. Frederic Palmer, Rector.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 27

10.30 A. M., Morning Prayer, with sermon by the Rector.

Sunday-school at 12.00.

7.00 P. M., Evening Prayer, with sermon by the Rector.

Wednesday, confirmation lecture.

Thursday, 7.30, Boys Guild.

Saturday, Sunshine Circle, 2.00 P. M.

No meeting of Girls' Friendly Society, Saturday.

Free Church, Congregational, Railroad St., Organized 1846. Rev. Frederic A. Wilson, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 27

10.15 A. M., morning prayer meeting.

10.30 A. M., worship, with Christmas sermon by the pastor.

Sunday-school to follow the morning service.

8.30 P. M., Sunday school concert.

7.00 P. M., monthly concert meeting of Y. F. S. C. E.

Monday 7.15, Boys' Brigade.

Wednesday evening, Professor Manning's concert.

Thursday, 7.30, service preparatory to Communion.

Friday evening, New Year's festival for the Sunday school.

Baptist Church, cor. of Essex and Central Sts., Organized 1838. Rev. F. W. Klein, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 27

10.30 A. M., worship, with sermon by the pastor.

Sunday-school to follow the morning service.

6.15 P. M., Young people's meeting.

7.00 P. M., Praise service with address by the pastor.

Thursday evening, Dec. 31, 1896, the last weekly prayer and conference meeting, and also the monthly church covenant and business meeting of this year, also union watch night meeting at South Church, 10 to 12.

A half-hour's union prayer meeting on Saturday evening, Dec. 28, at 7.30 in the vestry.

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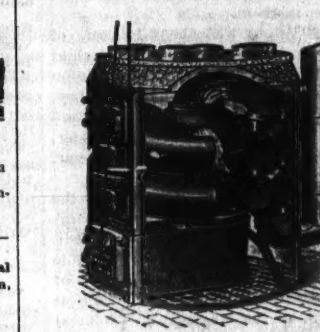
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YARD: NEAR FREIGHT STATION

NORTH ANDOVER.

Stevens Pond was thick with skaters Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Long has been ill with an attack of bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Edmunds will spend Christmas with relatives in Attleboro.

Miss Ella A. Small has returned to her home in Provincetown.

Charles Bickford has entered the employ of Rhodes & Moulton, Lawrence.

Students Fred Chesley and Cornelius Mahoney have returned home from Hanover, N. H., for the holidays.

Mrs. Joseph Jacobs is spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. John H. Sutton.

Mrs. George Gould and Miss Jessie Gould will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George P. Taylor at Quincy.

Rev. Mr. Dickenson of Andover preached at the Congregational Church Sunday night.

Miss Laura A. Bailey is spending the week with relatives in Cambridge, Salem and Chelsea.

The annual election of Wauwink Lodge of Odd Fellows occurs Thursday evening, Dec. 31.

Lawrence G. Lacy fell from a sled while turning a team near his home in the South District Thursday, and struck an iron bar, painfully injuring his side.

J. H. Sutton reports shooting about 150 partridge and quail this season. Saturday he spent in the Salem, N. H., woods and shot several quail.

Mrs. George A. Jenness and Miss Mabel Jenness are spending the Christmas vacation with relatives in Kingston, N. H. Mr. Jenness joined the family Wednesday.

The bondsmen have not yet filled the vacancy at the Centre post office, and Mr. Perley does not desire the position longer without an increase of salary.

Christmas festivities at the Unitarian and Congregational Churches Thursday evening and at the Methodist Church Friday evening.

It is understood that Sam D. Stevens and family will move to the Abbot place and become residents of Andover after Jan. 1.

John Lyons, driver of the Eben Sutton horse cart, has secured a position at the Bradford Seminary, and W. A. Handy has taken his position at the hose wagon.

Mrs. George A. Towne fell down the steps of St. Patrick's Church, South Lawrence, a week ago Sunday night and still suffers from the effects of injuries then received.

It will be a lonely Christmas in many homes in town this year. Never before have so many been beckoned from the fireside in so short a time as can be counted this year.

A contrary oil stove was the cause of a blaze at the store of F. W. Higgins & Bro. early Monday morning. A pail of water and some quick work on the part of Mr. Higgins in throwing the blazing stove into the street prevented all damage.

"Christ's incarnation" was the subject of Rev. Mr. Wignall's Christmas sermon Sunday morning. In the evening his discourse was upon "The wicked and the righteous, and the manner of their departure from this world."

Services appropriate to Yuletide were held at the North Church, Sunday. Rev. Charles Noyes gave a special sermon and a quartet rendered fine music. The pulpit, minister's room and railing were prettily hung with festoons of evergreen, hemlock boughs and wild holly.

Cuthbert A., the infant son of James and Grace E. Chapman, of Marblehead, died Monday of bronchial trouble and meningitis, aged 1 year, 25 days. The funeral occurred at the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. E. S. Thomas officiating.

A Christmas tree and festival for the young people of the Methodist parish takes place this evening at 6.30 o'clock. Persons having presents which are to be hung on the tree will please place them in the hands of the committee during the afternoon.

The section of the iron bridge over which the outbound train crosses the Shawheen River was laid Sunday, and it is expected that in a few days the improvements on the bridge at this point on the Boston & Maine road will be completed.

George E. Hathorn was elected to the vacant office of superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School, last evening. On motion of A. P. Chickering, Esq., of Boston, the retiring official, Supt. Carney, was extended a vote of thanks for past services.

The parish party and Christmas festival for the North Church people occurs in the church vestry this evening at 7.30 o'clock. The tree will be lighted and undelated at 8 o'clock, then there will be a series of games for an hour and the festival will close with dancing.

Mr. Herbert, who was mentioned as a candidate for the Centre Post Office, said in substance recently, that after inquiring into the matter he had concluded that he did not care to apply for the vacant position. Bonds to the amount of \$5000 were required and the salary depending upon the cancellation of stamps was liable to be an uncertain factor and hardly sufficient for the confinement and work required.

Co. B won the race in the entertainment contest recently in progress in Rescue Lodge, I. O. G. T., the final meeting occurring Tuesday evening. At the close, Co. A, under Capt. Manchoester, had 1000 points and Co. B, under Capt. Joe Booth, had 1000 points credited to them respectively. The attendance under the credit system has more than doubled. Ten new members were initiated at the last meeting. Co. A, the defeated division, will provide a feast for the winners Saturday evening, Jan. 2, in the banquet hall.

To-morrow afternoon and evening, the Germans will appear at the opera house in new songs, dances and specialties included in "The Gilhooley's Abroad." Saturday is announced one of the best scenic productions of the season "The Tornado," a wonderfully realistic play. Monday evening Manager Grant announces one of the brightest and best of spectacular extravaganzas, "The Spider and Fly." In this merry opera will appear 42 European and American artists, with 20 first class specialties, and there will also be a superb ballet of 16 dancers. Elegant costumes and electric light display make this one of the best attractions possible.

Bradstreet Colony of Pilgrim Fathers elected the following officers Monday evening: Governor, F. A. Coan; lieutenant governor, Mrs. Mary I. Webster; secretary, Edwin L. Perley; collector, Amos B. Bixby; treasurer, Mrs. Nellie M. Perley; chaplain, Emma F. Trulan; sergeant-at-arms, M. H. Manchester; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Miss Mary A. Stone; sentinel of inner gate, A. W. Badger; sentinel of outer gate, William Woolley; or ganist, Mrs. R. W. Walker; trustees, E. S. Robinson, A. D. Carlton, Walter G. Stone. The exercises of installation will occur Monday evening, Jan. 4, and will be conducted by Deputy Supreme Governor Mrs. Abbie E. Shepard of Lawrence.

The first of what is hoped will be a series of dancing parties occurred in the Town Hall last evening under the local Grange represented by a committee of its young men. A moderate degree of enthusiasm prevailed, although the attendance was not large and it came close to being a financial success. The recollection of joy on previous occasions of this kind under the same management, served to attract the boys and girls from Buxford, Andover and far away Methuen. The musical six of the Andover orchestra handled their instruments in a manner which Apollo might enjoy. An intermission was given during which ices and cake were served. The directorate of the dances included Messrs. A. H. Farnham, Harlow E. Mead, M. Putnam Towne, Fred Foss, H. C. Foster and Albert Currier.

Drowned in the Merrimack.

A continued search by Horace A. Stiles into the cause of the absence of his son, Herbert Stiles and Alpha Weeks resulted in the gathering of evidence which practically leaves no doubt in the minds of the grief-stricken parents that the boys met death by drowning.

The last gleam of hope was dispelled late Tuesday afternoon when Mr. Stiles with the aid of a pole some 20 ft in length tore from the ice at the "narrows" far up the Merrimack, near Lowell, a cap which he identified as that of his boy.

Mr. Stiles took the afternoon electric car for Lowell and alighted near the point before mentioned and saw particles of ice cast upon and frozen to the firmer ice and near by the familiar little cap which told the sad story. Finding it impossible to recover either body from the icy embrace of the river owing to the covering of thin ice and the swift current, sorrowfully he once more turned toward home to tell the sad tale to the anxious mothers.

The Stiles boy was about 14 years of age, born in Lawrence, but for eight years the family had resided in Union Village. He was a bright promising boy, an attendant at the Merrimack school and generally beloved. A younger sister, Ethel, and brother, Alvin, also younger, are left to cheer the home.

Alpha Weeks, a playmate of about the same age, who lived on the self-same street, was a little fellow physically delicate and one who had seen considerable of the rough side of life, and just about a year ago underwent a painful surgical operation at the Massachusetts General Hospital and practically lost the use of one arm. But in life as the boys played they evidently also died—together.

Four or five weeks ago the father of the Weeks boy sailed for England, and the fate of his child is as yet unknown to him. A younger son, James, survives. There is but little hope of recovering the bodies. The case being out of the jurisdiction of the Lawrence police officers, they can make no systematic search.

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Obituary.

MRS. EBEN B. DOWNING.

Not wholly unexpected, but nevertheless it was with keen regret that the news of the death of Mrs. Dora (Manahan) Downing, wife of Eben B. Downing, former man of the card clothing factory of the Davis & Furber plant, was learned Sunday morning at 12.40 o'clock.

Heart trouble was the immediate cause, this ailment extending through a series of years. Thursday, however, her case assumed a more serious phase and then came a stroke of paralysis, which in a measure affected her mental faculties, and since that time she sank rapidly and gently on to rest.

Mrs. Downing was a native of Sanford, Me., and was 48 years of age. She was married Jan. 10, 1873, and for about twenty-four years had been one of the most widely known and worthy women of the place, a kind and patient mother, and a good neighbor. She leaves a husband and daughter, Miss Grace Downing, who has been faithful and zealous for her care and comfort. A brother and sister also survive.

The last services occurred at the Elm Street home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were attended by many relatives and neighbors. Rev. Henry Elbert Barnes, D. D., officiated.

Resting upon and surrounding the casket were many floral garlands and among these were noted a pillow inscribed "Mother" from the husband and daughter Miss Grace; cross, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Andrews of Cape Elizabeth, Me.; spray of 48 variegated pinks from brother Freeman Manahan, Lawrence; basket, Mrs. J. A. Wiley, Mrs. Augusta Nichols, Mrs. Elijah Wright; cluster of colored pinks, Mrs. Geo. M. Humes, Providence, R. I.; spray of roses and pinks, Mrs. J. M. Stone; panel of white pinks, Miss Osgood; bouquet of violets and lilies, Henry Childs of Milford; spray of ferns and white pinks, A. C. Howes.

The bearers were Messrs. T. P. Wentworth, F. A. Coan, W. M. Fernald, John Burnham. The interment was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Funeral of the Late Abraham Kershaw.

The home on Stevens Street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, was filled with a sad and sorrowful company which was in attendance at the last service of the late Abraham Kershaw. To the bereaved, messages of consolation, cheer, comfort and hope were spoken by Rev. E. S. Thomas of St. Paul's Church, and Rev. Mr. Mudgell, of St. Thomas Church of Methuen. Messrs. R. A. Redman, Geo. Meeserve, Miss Elsie Milner and Ellen Somerville rendered a funeral chant and a favorite hymn "Nearer my God to Thee." There were services of committal at the grave in Ridgewood.

Representing the affection of relatives and regard and esteem of long time friends there were many beautiful floral tributes. Included among the offerings were noted a large anchor upon a floral base inscribed, "Husband"; an ivy wreath, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Kershaw, Mrs. Bishop of Lawrence, Mrs. Cole of Haverhill; basket of cut flowers with the inscription "Grandpa"; bouquet, Mrs. Frank Mannoock of Lawrence and Mrs. David Mannoock of Dover, N. H.; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marvin; ivy wreath and pinks, M. T. Stevens and Sons; Vestrymen Andrew Reeves, Walter G. Stone, A. L. Fernandes, A. W. Badger with Thomas P. Wentworth and D. W. Sutcliffe as bearers.

Following is the programme of special music to be given at St. Paul's Church this morning under the direction of chorister Prof. Richard A. Redman:

Hymn, (Yorkshire) "Christmas Awake." Venite, J. Robinson
Te Deum Laudamus, H. P. Danks
Jubilate Deo, J. S. Smith
Hymn, (Phillips Brooks) L. H. Redner
Kyrie, Giffeths
Hark a Burst of Heavenly Music, F. Schilling
"Sing, O Heavens," E. A. Clare
Sanctus Welcome.
Welcome, Sweet Grace.
Gloria in Excelsis.
Nunc Dimittis
"Arise, Shine, for thy Light is Come," G. J. Elvey

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It is impossible to announce with precision all that the WEEKLY will contain during the year 1897. It were as easy to announce what is about to happen in the world, what triumphs for good government are to be won, what advances of the people are to be made, what is to be the outcome of the continuous struggle between the spirits of war and peace, what is to be the far East, what is to be the state of Europe twelve months hence, what new marvels of science are to be revealed, or what are to be the achievements of arts and letters, for the WEEKLY is to be a pictorial record of all this.

Cartoons will continue to be a feature.

Serial Stories. A New England story by Miss Mary E. Wilkins will begin in January. A tale of a Greek uprising against the Turks, by Mr. E. F. Benson, the author of "Dodo," will follow. A sequel to "The House on the Styx," by Mr. JOHN KENNEDY BANGS, illustrated by Mr. PETER NEWELL.

More Short Stories will appear in the WEEKLY than it has been possible to publish during 1896.

Departments: Mr. W. D. HOWELL'S "Life and Letters" have been among the most charming features of periodical literature; Mr. E. S. MARTIN, and others will contribute on what is going on in "This Busy World," "Amateur Sport" will remain the most important department of its kind in the country.

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Due from approved reserve agents,	23,187.87
Checks and other cash items,	235.33
Notes of other National Banks,	9,926.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents,	67.01
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Specie,	10,840.50
Legal-tender notes,	2,000.00
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Total,	\$342,934.14

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Capital stock paid in,	\$125,000.00
Surplus fund,	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid,	4,863.37
National Bank notes outstanding,	45,000.00
Dividends unpaid,	23.00
Individual deposits subject to check,	146,081.72
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